

# GILL NETTERS UP AGAINST IT

**Lifts Yesterday Aggregated  
Only 6000 Pounds—Some  
Hauling Out.**

Yesterday was another hard day for the gill netters, only a few of the boats lifting, the receipts being about 6000 pounds. More of the fleet will probably haul out today, having found fish so scarce, that the business is unprofitable at this time.

From Boston sch. Sylvania brought down 30,000 pounds fresh fish and sch. Imperator 25,000 pounds.

## Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Dolphin, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Orion, gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Anna T., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Imperator, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Sylvania, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Natalie Hammond, via Boston.  
Sch. Gov. Foss, via Boston.  
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.  
Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.  
Flitched halibut, 10c per lb.  
Hake, \$1.80.  
Haddock, \$1.75.  
Pollock, \$1.75.  
Newfoundland herring, \$3.75 per bbl. for salt bulk.

### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:  
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c.  
Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.  
Al codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.  
Hake, \$1.40.  
Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.  
Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.  
Fresh halibut, 16c for white and 11c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 30c each for large, 20c for medium.

### Will Smoke Here.

The Newfoundland herring fare of British sch. Gladys B. Smith consigned to Leonard A. Treat Co., Boston, will be discharged and smoked by William H. Wanson & Son.

### Capt. Thompson Owned Craft.

Sch. Mary Edith which was recently sold to Cuban parties was owned entirely by Capt. John Thompson.

# TURKEYS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY

**Therefore Live Fish Go a  
Begging at New Pier  
Today.**

Quiet reigns in the fresh fish market this week and the handful of fares arriving at Boston since yesterday found prices down at the bottom notch this morning.

The fleet included three beam trawlers and three shore fares which had about 125,000 pounds among them.

Wholesalers offered \$2.60 to \$4 a hundred for haddock, \$3 for large and \$2 for market cod, \$1.75 to \$3 for hake, \$2 for pollock and \$1.75 for cusk.

## Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 3500 haddock, 1400 cod, 2400 hake, 1000 cusk, 1500 pollock.  
Sch. Surf, 32,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Crest, 29,000 haddock, 1900 cod.  
Sch. Foam, 33,000 haddock, 900 cod.  
Sch. Waltham, 2500 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 cusk.  
Sch. Motor, 300 haddock, 7000 cod, 700 pollock.  
Haddock, \$2.60 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.75 to \$3; pollock, \$2; cusk, \$1.75.

## Clam Factories Working at Eastport.

A press despatch from Eastport, Me., says that the clamming industry in Passamaquoddy Bay is yielding good wages both to diggers and canning factory hands. Several factories which had not been in operation for some time recently resumed business. One plant is preparing to handle 40,000 bushels of clams during the season. Factory hands are averaging \$1.50 a day in wages and diggers are getting \$1.25 a barrel for bivalves.

# STRONG LOBSTER LAWS NEEDED

**Comm'r Smith Says States  
Should Take Measures to  
Prevent Depletion.**

According to the report of the bureau of fisheries, Department of Commerce, 5,157,047 lobsters were taken from waters along the Maine coast during the year 1913 and this amount is Maine's share of a total catch of 8,832,281 lobsters taken along the entire Atlantic coast. The report of the Bureau of Fisheries shows that Hancock county leads all others in lobster catching and 1,429,867 lobsters were taken from the waters of Hancock County as compared with 589,977 lobsters taken from waters in Cumberland County.

There were a total of 2,792 men engaged in the lobster fishing industry in Maine during the year 1913 as compared with 80 men in New Hampshire and 698 in Massachusetts.

The total value of lobsters caught along the Atlantic coast during the year in question amounted to \$2,394,822 and of that total value Maine's share was \$1,525,776.

In catching the half million lobsters in Maine waters during the year of 1913 the fishermen used 167,928 lobster pots valued at \$231,655 and the total amount invested in the industry was \$1,421,762 which includes the value of lobster pots, vessels engaged in fishing, vessels engaged in transporting, lobster cars, shore and accessory property.

## Small Catch.

The United States bureau of fisheries has just completed its statistical statement regarding the lobster fisheries of the Atlantic coast. It shows the catch of 1913 to be the smallest ever reported and is regarded by Commissioner Smith as a warning to states to take active steps to protect the catch and enforce laws whereby the stock shall not be unduly depleted. The commissioner believes uniform laws of adjacent or nearby states to be one of the most important issues as under existing laws what is illegal in Maine may be legal just outside the three mile limit, and in that way Maine waters be depleted, to the detriment of that state, and the benefit of fishermen from states in the vicinity, where the law permits a smaller size being put on the market. This is especially true of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Commissioner Smith referred to the fact that his first recommendation to the department for appropriations for the coming year was one for the establishment of a lobster rearing plant on the coast of Maine, and called attention of the Express correspondent to the fact that the largest increase shown by the table of statistics was in Rhode Island, where a rearing plan exists, and where the state is doing exceptional work to preserve its supply. In Rhode Island, so the commissioner states, there has been much thought and attention given to artificial propagation, and with the establishment of a rearing station in Maine, he hopes to see a great increase made.

The figures as given in the statistics put out by the bureau of fisheries differ materially from those shown by recent reports from the State of Maine, but can be verified by the returns for individual fishermen now on file in the bureau. The bureau feels, that even after making all allowance for absence of record, the figures given are within 5 per cent. of being absolutely correct, if there is any valuation at all. It has been suggested that the larger report by the State may be accounted for by figures being obtained both from fishermen and dealers, which in many instances lead to practically doubling the size of the returns.

Commissioner Smith spoke with great earnestness on the urgent need of each state protecting the industry; of the co-operation of fishermen and dealers to that end; of the need of uniform state laws, and the need of a rearing station in Maine.

# Text of Proposed Lobster Law.

The proposed lobster bill which was indorsed by the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association at their meeting in Lynn on Saturday requires all lobster fishermen to make application to the board of commissioners on fisheries and game for a license to catch and take lobsters from the waters of the state. It will be introduced in the coming legislature by Representative James M. Lyle of this city, who was special guest of the association and passed by the legislature will take effect on November 1, 1915.

As soon as the application is received the commission will assign a license number to each fisherman. The future he will be known by that number. It will require that the lobster pot shall be plainly marked with the numbers of its owner.

## Places Heavy Penalty.

One of the strictest rulings of the bill is that which places a heavy penalty upon the fishermen who catch and sell lobsters under nine inches. The objects of the association is to establish a corps of unpaid deputies who are to work with the wardens of the state in the effort to stop the sale of lobsters under nine inches. At today's meeting it was voted to watch the other members of the association and to enforce the strict enforcement of this ruling.

Violations of the provisions of the act will bring a penalty of not more than \$25, nor more than 30 days, or by both fine and imprisonment. The bill also requires only those who have been engaged in the industry for five years previous to January 1, 1915, may be granted a license to catch and take lobsters.

## New Lobster Bill.

Following is the bill proposed to control the lobster industry and will be introduced by Representative Lyle of Gloucester:

An act to provide for the regulation of lobster licenses:

Section 1 No person either as principal, agent or servant, shall at any time, catch or take any lobster from any of the waters in the jurisdiction of this state or place, keep, manage, supervise, lift, raise or draw from any of said waters or cause to be placed set, kept, or maintained, pervised, lifted, raised or drawn from any of said waters, any pot or other contrivance designed or adapted for the catching or taking of lobsters unless licensed to do so hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2 The board of commissioners on fisheries and game shall issue licenses to catch and take lobsters from the waters within the jurisdiction of this state, in the manner, times, and subject to the regulations provided in this act, to such persons of this state as have resided in this state for at least five years preceding the granting of each license. Excepting as hereinafter provided, Sec. 12 applications for licenses shall be made on a special form provided by the commissioners on fisheries and game. Such license shall be valid to expire on the 31st day of



...succeeding the granting of the license, unless sooner revoked as hereinafter provided, and each person to whom such license shall be granted shall pay to the commissioners on fisheries and game the sum of \$1 for the use of the state. Said commissioners in their annual report shall state the number of licenses granted, with the names of the persons licensed, and the amount of money received therefrom. Said commissioners shall furnish to each person licensed, as aforesaid, a certificate stating the name of the person to whom such license has been granted, number of the license and the date of expiration of the license.

Sec. 3. Each person licensed under the provisions of this act shall at all times, while engaged in the pursuit so authorized, exhibit upon demand of any authorized person the certificate issued to him as provided in the preceding section.

Sec. 4. No negative allegation of the kind made by, averred or proven in any prosecution under this act, the respondent in any such action shall show his license by way of defense.

Sec. 5. When pots or traps are set for trawls, when conditions make it impossible to set otherwise, buoys or markers shall be set at both ends of trawls and permission for setting such trawls must be stated on license secured from the commissioners on fisheries and game in accordance with section 2 of this act.

Sec. 6. All pots, traps, buoys, boats or other contrivances used for catching or taking of lobsters must be marked in plain and conspicuous manner with the number of license of the owner or owners thereof, or the persons using the same. All traps or cans, and the contents thereof, used contrary to the provision of this act or any other section of this act, shall be seized by any authorized in the enforcement of this act, shall be forfeited and disposed of to the best interest of the Commonwealth.

Sec. 7. No person, except the commissioners on fisheries and game, their deputies, or other officers authorized to enforce this act, shall lift or set any pot or traps belonging to a person or persons licensed under this act, and set for the catching or taking of lobsters, except with the permission of the owner or owners thereof.

Sec. 8. The board of commissioners on fisheries and game shall appoint at least four deputies, whose names shall be principally the enforcement of the provisions of this act or any other act relative to the lobster industry. Each of said deputies appointed as aforesaid shall, by virtue of his office, have all the powers of a justice of the peace, except the services of civil process, and of policemen and watchmen, and, as such, may, without warrant, arrest any person found violating any of the provisions of this act, or any other act relative to the lobster industry, and detain such person for a period not exceeding 24 hours. Deputies shall not be required to give recognizance or become liable for costs.

Sec. 9. This act shall in no way interfere with any other act relative to the lobster industry or effect penalties under the same, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. Any violation of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$50 for each offense or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or by both fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 11. The license of any person who has been convicted of a violation of any lobster law or of any provision of this act shall be void, and his license shall immediately be surrendered to the officer who secures such conviction, and the officer shall forthwith forward the license to the commissioners on fisheries and game, who shall cancel the same, and no person shall be entitled to receive a license during the period of one year from the date of conviction. Any license issued to a person within one year of his conviction under this act or under any other provision of the lobster laws shall be void, and shall be surrendered on demand of any officer authorized to enforce the lobster laws, (a) excepting as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 12. Any lobsterman who has been a resident of this state since Jan. 1, 1910, and who has been engaged in the catching of lobsters for a living from any of the waters in the jurisdiction of this state for the five years previous, or next preceding Jan. 1, 1915, may be granted a license to catch and take lobsters from the water in the jurisdiction of the state.

Sec. 13. This act shall take effect Nov. 1, 1915.

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## TWO OFF-SHORES AT THE NEW PIER

Three Market Boats Also  
Run In to Lay Over  
Christmas.

The arrival list at the Boston fish pier was small. Schs. Corona, David Keating, had 50,000 pounds and Stiletto, Capt. Lyman Wyld, 65,000 pounds, being the only off shores.

Three of the shore market boats were in, their combined catches being about 20,000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$2.10 to \$3.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$3 for large and \$1.75 to \$2 for market cod; \$1.50 to \$3 for hake and \$2 for pollock.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Corona, 32,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Stiletto, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Stranger, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 3000 haddock, 3200 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Marion, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.10 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2.

# SCH. MANHASSET HIT THACHER'S

## Big Boston Haddock Bound Here from Portland Was Floated—Leaking Badly After Hanging Three Hours on Rocks.

The Boston sch. Manhasset, bound from Portland for this port with a fresh fare of 50,000 pounds of fish, struck on Thacher's Island, off Rockport, yesterday morning at 9.20 o'clock, remaining on the ledges until noon, when on the flood tide she was floated and resumed her voyage to this port.

The Manhasset landed her halibut at Portland Tuesday, but on account of the market was unable to dispose of her groundfish. The skipper decided to take the fare here to split and was running by Thacher's on the south side of the island, where he stood in too

near and brought up on the ledges.

There was but little sea running at the time and the Manhasset lay easy in her position. Capt. Bearse and crew from the Rockport life-saving station at Straitsmouth went to the assistance of the stranded craft and stood by until she floated on the flood tide at noon.

The Manhasset was leaking quite badly when she arrived here yesterday afternoon, there being about three feet of water in her hold. It is believed that the craft lost her shoe and part of her keel as a result of the accident. After taking out her fare, the vessel will go on the railways for examination and repairs.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25. Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$3; snappers, \$3. Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Filched halibut, 10c per lb. Hake, \$1.80. Haddock, \$1.75. Pollock, \$1.75. Newfoundland herring, \$3.75 per bbl. for salt bulk.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices: Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt. Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c. Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c. Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2. Al codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above. Hake, \$1.40. Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c. Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c. Fresh halibut, 16c for white and 11c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 30c each for large, 20c for medium.

#### Sch. Gossip Sold.

Sch. Gossip, owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company has been sold to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company of Bay of Islands, N. F. The Gossip was built in Essex in 1900 and measures 122 gross tons and 91 net tons.

## ONLY ONE CRAFT IN HERE TODAY

Sch. Manhasset, which came over from Portland yesterday afternoon with a 40,000 pound fresh fare was the only arrival here up to noon today.

The gill netters had about 20,000 pounds yesterday, only a few of the fleet being out. Several contemplated remaining in port for the remainder of the week.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Manhasset, via Portland, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.